

We Have Found The Messiah

John 1:41-45

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- 40 One of the two which heard John *speak*, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- 41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, **We have found the Messiah**, which is, being interpreted, **the Christ**.

The “Messiah”

- The theme of the Old Testament → **The Messiah Is Coming!**
 - “We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth...” (Jn. 1:45)
 - **“Messiah”** → Hebrew
 - **“Christ”** → Greek (app. 500 times in N.T.)
 - Meaning: the **“Anointed One”**

"Messiah"

- *"The Anointed One"* – the one chosen, set apart, selected by God for specific roles relating to His eternal purpose of redemption.
- In the Old Testament...
 - Kings → I Sam. 10:1 → Ruled
 - Priests → Ex. 28:41 → Redeemed
 - Prophets → I Kings 19:16 → Revealed

...were anointed to consecrate and symbolize God's choosing of them.

"The Messiah"

Old Testament

Jesus, The Messiah

- Kings → Ruled  Ps. 2:6
- Priests → Redeemed  Ps. 110:4
- Prophets → Revealed  Deut. 18:15ff

Jesus – The Messiah

- Ps. 2:6 → Yet I have set my king Upon my holy hill of Zion.
- Ps. 110:4 → Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Melchizedek.
- Deut. 18:15 → Jehovah thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Jesus – The Messiah

- “We have found the Messiah”– the ultimate King, Priest and Prophet – the one to whom the Old Testament pointed – **Jesus of Nazareth**.
- In Jesus, these roles were combined in one – the Son of God.
 - “...Behold the man whose name is The **BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the **LORD**; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and **rule upon his throne**; and he shall be a **priest upon** this throne...”(Zech. 6:12-13)

Jesus – The Messiah

- The anointed one is identified as God's Son. (Ps. 2:6-7)
 - 6 Yet have I set **my king** upon my holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou *art* my Son**; this day have I begotten thee.

The Messianic Expectation

- Luke 3:15 → As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,
 - The Jews → “...the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” (Jn. 1:19-20)

The Messianic Expectation

- Andrew → We have found the Messiah. (Jn. 1:41)
- The Samaritan woman → The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." (Jn. 4:25; cf. 6:14-15)

The Messianic Expectation

- Simeon → And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen **the Lord's Christ...** 30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, (Lk. 2:26, 30)
- Anna → And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the **redemption** of Jerusalem. (Lk. 2:38)

Jesus Affirmed That He Was The Messiah

- **Jn. 4:25** → “...I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” 26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”
- **Mk. 14:61-62** → 61 But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” 62 And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

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- **Lk. 24:27,44 → 27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things **concerning himself...**
- 44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **everything written about me** in the Law of Moses and the Prophets **and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**”

The Apostles Preached Jesus The Messiah

- **Peter** → **Acts 3:18, 24** → But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that **his Christ** would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

The Apostles Preached Jesus The Messiah

- **Paul** → **Acts 13:27-29** → 27 “...because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. 28 And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. 29 And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. (ESV)

The Messiah In Prophecy

Seed of Woman, Bruise Head of Serpent

- Gen. 3:15 → And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Fulfilled

- Gal. 4:4 → “...God sent forth his Son, made of a woman...”
- Heb. 2:14-15 → “...that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

The Messiah In Prophecy

Seed of Abraham

Fulfilled

- Gen. 12:3 → And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.
- Gen. 22:18 → And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...
- Acts 3:25-26 25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed....

The Messiah In Prophecy

Seed of Judah

- Gen. 49:10 → The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

Fulfilled

- Heb. 7:14 → For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

The Messiah In Prophecy

Prophet

- Deut. 18:18-19 →
18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him...

Fulfilled

- Acts 3:22-23ff →
Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers.
You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you..." (cf. Heb. 1:1-2)

The Messiah In Prophecy

Seed of David -- King

Fulfilled

- II Sam. 7:12-13 →
12 “...I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

- Lk. 1:31-32 → “... 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, (cf. Matt. 1:20; Acts 2:30)

The Messiah In Prophecy

Born of a virgin

- Isa. 7:14 →
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Fulfilled

- Matt. 1:21-23 → “...
22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

The Messiah In Prophecy

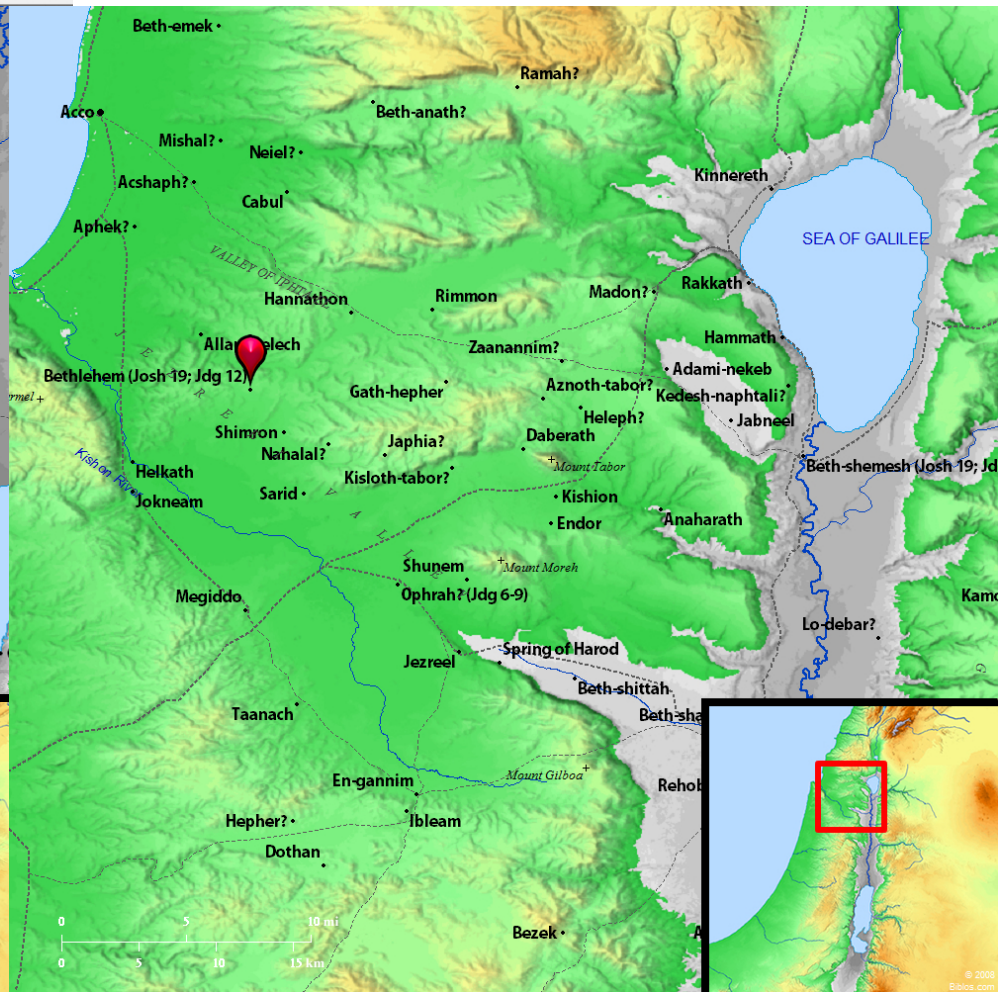
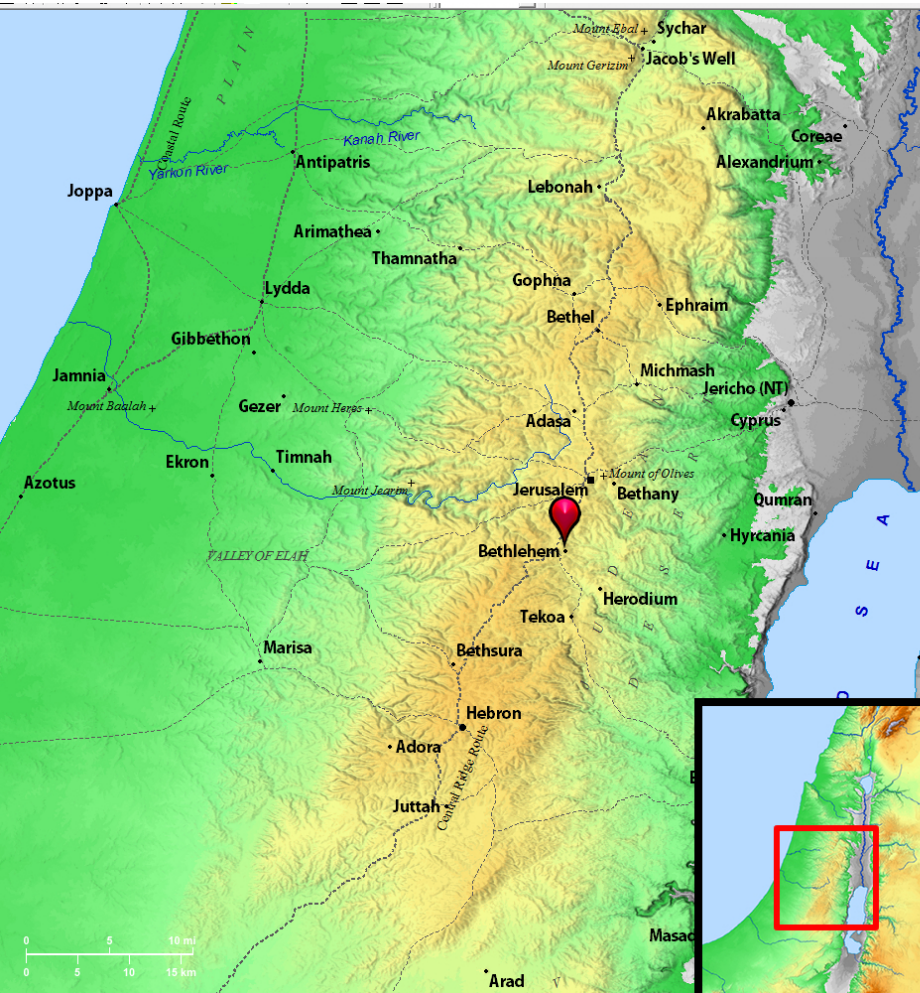
Place of birth:

Bethlehem

Fulfilled

- Micah 5:2 → But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel...
- Matt. 2:5-6 → 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” (cf. Lk. 2:4, 6-7)

Born In Bethlehem of Judah



The Messiah In Prophecy

Forerunner to prepare the way

- Isa. 40:3 → The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (cf. Mal. 4:5-6)

Fulfilled

- Matt. 3:1-3 → In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea...3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Galilean Ministry

- Isa. 9:1-2 → But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Fulfilled

- Matt. 4:12-17 → ...he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light...

The Messiah In Prophecy

Anointed to preach to the poor

- Isa. 61:1-2 → The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because **the LORD hath anointed me** to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound...*

Fulfilled

- Lk. 4:17-21 → 17 ...the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written, 18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, **Because he anointed me** to preach good tidings to the poor...*21 **And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears.**

The Messiah In Prophecy

Triumphant Entrance Into Jerusalem

Fulfilled

- Zech. 9:9 → Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- Joh 12:13-15 → So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” 14 And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Jesus Rejected

Fulfilled

- Isa. 53:1-3 →
1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ...3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and

- Jn. 12:37-38 → Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver

- Zech. 11:12 → Then I said to them, “If it seems good to you, give me my wages; but if not, keep them.” And they weighed out as my wages thirty pieces of silver.

Fulfilled

- Matt. 26:14-15 →
14 Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, “What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?” And they paid him thirty pieces of silver.

The Messiah In Prophecy

Purchase of potter's field

Fulfilled

- Zech. 11:13 → Then the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the lordly price at which I was priced by them. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD, to the potter.
- Matt. 27:5-7 → 5 And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself...7 So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field as a burial place for strangers.

The Messiah In Prophecy

The Disciples Flee

- Zech. 13:7 →
7 “Awake, O sword,
against my
shepherd, against
the man who stands
next to me,” declares
the LORD of hosts.
“Strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will
be scattered;...

Fulfilled

- Matt. 26:31,56 → 31 Then
Jesus said to them, “You will all
fall away because of me this
night. For it is written, ‘I will
strike the shepherd, and the
sheep of the flock will be
scattered.’ 56 But all this is
come to pass, that the
scriptures of the prophets
might be fulfilled. Then all the
disciples left him, and fled.

The Messiah In Prophecy

Jesus silent before accusers Fulfilled

- Isa. 53:7 → He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
- Matt. 27:12-14 → “...13 Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14 And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Jesus wounded and bruised

Fulfilled

- Isa. 53:5 → “But he *was wounded* for our transgressions, *he was bruised* for our iniquities...”
- Matt. 26:67 → 67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,
- Matt. 27:26, 30 → “...and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be crucified. 30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Hands and feet pierced Fulfilled

- Ps. 22:16 → “...they pierced my hands and my feet.”
- Lk. 23:33 → ...there they crucified him...
- Jn. 20:25; Lk. 24:39 → “...Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.”
- Lk. 24:39 → “Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself...”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Crucified with thieves

- Isa. 53:12 “...he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Fulfilled

- Mk. 15:27-28 →
27 And with him they crucify two robbers; one on his right hand, and one on his left. **28** *And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was reckoned with transgressors. (ASV)*

The Messiah In Prophecy

Pray For Persecutors

- Isa. 53:12 → “...he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.”

Fulfilled

- Lk. 23:34 → And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

The Messiah In Prophecy

Those passing by would ridicule

- Ps. 22:7-8 → All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, 8 He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.

Fulfilled

- Matt. 27:41-43 →
41 Likewise also the chief priests mocking *him*, with the scribes and elders, said...
- 43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.

The Messiah In Prophecy

- **Garments Parted – Lots Cast**
- Ps. 22:18 → They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

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- Jn. 19:24-25 → Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

The Messiah In Prophecy

“My God, My God, Why hast thou forsaken me?”

- Ps. 22:1 → My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me,
from the words of my groaning?

Fulfilled

- Matt. 27:46 → And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Bones not broken

Fulfilled

- Ps. 34:20 → He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- Jn. 19:32-33; So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. 33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.
- 36 For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.”

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Side to be pierced

- Zech. 12:10 → “...when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.”

Fulfilled

- Jn. 19:34,37 → But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

The Messiah In Prophecy

Buried in a rich man's tomb Fulfilled

- Isa. 53:9 → And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- Matt. 27:57-60 → When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him...60 and laid it in his own new tomb...

The Messiah In Prophecy

The Resurrection Fulfilled

- Ps. 16:10 → For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol; Neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.
- Matt. 28:6 → 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
- Acts 2:31-32 → he foreseeing *this* spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that *neither was he left unto Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.* 32 This Jesus did God raise up, whereof we all are witnesses.

The Messiah In Prophecy

Ascension and coronation

- Dan. 7:13-14 → I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him...

Fulfilled

- Mk. 16:19-20 → So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

Three Objections Considered...

- #1 → The “prophecies” were written after the “fulfillment”.
 - The LXX Greek translation of the Old Testament dates 200-300 years before the coming of Christ.
 - The Isaiah scroll (DSS) dated about 100 B.C. or older.



Three Objections Considered...

- #2 → The prophecies were studied and fulfilled deliberately.
 - The nature of the prophecies place that beyond the realm of possibility. (place of birth, ancestors, garments parted, side pierced, bones not broken, reaction of the people; place of burial, etc.)
 - Some were fulfilled by those who did not even know that the prophecies existed. (Roman soldiers, etc.)

Three Objections Considered...

- #3 → The prophecies were coincidentally fulfilled.
 - The calculations of Peter Stoner.
 - The probability of just 8 of the Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in Christ at 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000.

Conclusion

- The Bible is the Word of God.
 - II Pet. 1:19 → “We have also a more sure word of prophecy...”
- Jesus Is the promised Messiah.
 - Prophet → To whom we must listen. (Jn. 12:48)
 - Priest → Who offered himself for us. (Heb. 7:26-28; 10:5-18)
 - King → To whom we must submit. (Heb. 5:9; Rev. 22:14)
- The word of God is certain – will come to pass.
 - Second coming of Jesus Christ
 - Resurrection of all from the graves
 - Judgment for all
 - Eternity in either Heaven or Hell.